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PRESS

Coverage of Cocopah drinking water release: [KYMA Yuma 11 Amy Miller interviewed AZ Margot Perez-Sullivan](#)

Wall Street Journal (Rebecca Ballhaus) [Received 9/18] – CLOSED – Reporter seeking comment on POTUS remarks regarding an enforcement notice being issued to San Francisco in the next few days, referred to HQ. NorCal, ECAD Margot Perez-Sullivan

E&E News (Kevin Bogardus) [Received 9/19] – CLOSED – Reporter seeking comment on POTUS remarks regarding an enforcement notice being issued to San Francisco in the next few days, referred to HQ. NorCal, ECAD Margot Perez-Sullivan

Huff Post (Nick Visser) [Received 9/19] – CLOSED – Reporter seeking comment on POTUS remarks regarding an enforcement notice being issued to San Francisco in the next few days, referred to HQ. NorCal, ECAD Bill Glenn

SF Chronicle (Kurtis Alexander) [Received 9/19] – CLOSED – Reporter had questions about the President's remarks about issuing a violation notice to the City of San Francisco. Referred to HQ. NorCal, ENF, Soledad Calvino.

KQED (Peter Jon Shuler) [Received 9/19] – CLOSED – Reporter requested interview to talk about the President's remarks about issuing a violation notice to the City of San Francisco. Referred to HQ. NorCal, ENF, Soledad Calvino.

LA Times (Harriet Ryan) [Received 9/13] – OPEN – Reporter has questions on cars imported by specific high-net-worth individuals that do not meet emission standards and have received a waiver from EPA. Coordinating with Air, OAR and OTAQ. Provided preliminary information to reporter. Air SoCal, Margot Perez-Sullivan

Freelancer Will Ford (New Yorker) [Received 8/5] – OPEN – Reporter attended this week's NECR meeting. He will have formal questions later (after his contract with magazine is in place) and is interested in government's relocation rules. Reporter sent follow up information on Navajo, SFD, Margot Perez-Sullivan

WEB

Social Media:

Pollution Prevention – Posted to our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages about Hawaii's Green Business Program, which is supported by EPA, and linked to the [State of Hawaii, Green Business Program website](#).

Web Updates

Air Quality Implementation Plans – Published the [Public Notice: Proposed Partial Approval and Proposed Partial Conditional Approval; California SIP Revisions; Imperial County APCD; RACT Requirements for 2008 8-hour Ozone Standards; Negative Declarations for Several Source Categories](#).

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-12): Brent Maier received a request from Rep. Pelosi's District Chief of Staff to call him and learned in that conversation that Robert wanted to know about EPA's response to President Trump's remarks about San Francisco and any EPA information regarding an environmental violation to be issued to the City of San Francisco for the homelessness issue. Brent reached out to Enforcement Division's Amy Miller and at the direction of Amy and Debbie Jordan, Brent Maier referred this inquiry for follow up to OCIR's Christian Rodrick who will be following up with Robert. (N. CA – ENF)

Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-36): Enforcement Division's Roberto Rodriguez was contacted directly by Austin Yager, Legislative Assistant in the Congressman's DC regarding some air quality issues resulting from some agricultural burning at the Sun Valley Recycling Center in Thermal, CA on the Torres Martinez Reservation. Roberto forwarded the inquiry to Brent Maier for follow up. An internal discussion was held followed by a conference call with Austin Yager and Herman Quintas. Region 9 participants included Enforcement Division's Kaoru Morimoto and Tim Wilhite and Brent Maier. The Congressman's staff asked for some additional information during our call which is summarized here. 1) They asked for information on previous cases/incidents/outcomes of prior EPA cases involving the Torres Martinez Tribe enforcement actions including the disposition of each EPA case. Kaoru will be following up to seek this information from our enforcement databases. They raised past fines and wanted to understand whether any fines were paid, and if not, why not; 2) They asked for a contact at the BIA that their office can reach out to. Tim Wilhite will be following up on this and sharing a contact for Brent to pass along; 3) They asked whether EPA can do an inspection of the Sun Valley Recycling Center to determine whether only agricultural waste is being burned and to insure no other materials such as hazardous waste is being burned. Kaoru will follow up with Enforcement management as to whether EPA can commit to an inspection in the near term; and 4) They asked for an update on the Oasis Mobile Home Park compliance to EPA's recent order and mentioned an upcoming September 23rd milestone in the order. Roberto Rodriguez and Everett Pringle are copied on this message to provide an update to Brent to share with the Congressman's office. (S. CA – ENF/TIP)

House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Committee: Today, EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler appeared before the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. An archived webcast of the hearing can be viewed at the following link: <https://science.house.gov/hearings/science-and-technology-at-the-environmental-protection-agency>

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee: Today, the Committee passed a number of bills aimed at increasing funding for the nation's estuaries, including the Chesapeake Bay and Great Lakes. The committee also passed H.R. 1132, from Rep. Jackie Speier (D-Calif.), to establish a \$25 million grant program to support restoration of San Francisco Bay.

FY2021 Budget Update: House passes short-term spending bill, setting up major shutdown fight in November - Lawmakers today voted overwhelmingly to keep the government open through November 21, 2019, setting up a showdown later this year over President Trump's border wall that could lead to a government shutdown before Thanksgiving. The Senate is expected to approve the short-term measure next week.

Upcoming Congressional Meetings/Calls, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 – EPA HQ Meeting with San Diego (CA) Chamber of Commerce - Annual DC Trip: Topics for discussion include Regional Water Sources (Water Reuse & Recycling); City's Pure Water Program; Point Loma

Wastewater Treatment Plant; Transboundary Sewage Pollution; and recently released EPA-NADBank Tijuana River Diversion Study. Chamber representatives met last year with EPA to discuss their priorities – including those that will be discussed during the Sept. 24 meeting. The Chamber is approximately 2,500 members strong and represents 300,000 people. HQ Lead Offices: Office of Water; Office of International and Tribal Affairs; and Region 9.

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 – EPA HQ Meeting with Imperial Beach, CA Local Officials: On Tuesday, September 24th, OITA, OW and Region IX will join OIR for a meeting with Imperial Beach, CA local leaders to discuss funding for the US/Mexico Border Water Infrastructure Programs (BWIP). Councilmember Paloma Aguirre will lead the delegation. The local officials will be in Washington as part of the annual DC visit by business and government leaders from the San Diego-Tijuana region. The delegation will be meeting with their Members of Congress to express support for the \$30 million appropriate by the House this year and for the Vargas/Peters/Levin/Davis group of bills to recapitalize the NADBank, support the BWIP, and create a new Fund that would permit additional grants for watershed projects beyond wastewater infrastructure. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 - Senate Environment and Public Works Committee: On September 25th, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety will hold a hearing entitled, “Driving Emissions While Driving Economic Growth: Industry-led Initiatives.” [More Information.](#)

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 - Intergovernmental Associations Outreach Meeting - OCIR’s Office of Intergovernmental Relations will host its Quarterly Meeting with Intergovernmental Associations on Wednesday, September 25. The outreach meetings provide an opportunity for updates and dialogue on EPA’s priority programs of interest to associations representing state and local governments, as well as those associations representing water, air, and agriculture interests specifically. Attending associations generally include ECOS, NGA, NCSL, USCM, NLC, NACo, NACWA, and a host of others. The first portion of the meeting will focus on “America Recycles Day Engagement.” The Office of Resource Conservation & Recovery will provide updates and engage in dialogue on how communities can most effectively partner with EPA in promoting recycling. There will also be an overview of tools and initiatives to assist and encourage communities in their recycling programs and commitments. EPA’s inaugural “America Recycles Day Summit-Building a More Resilient System Together,” was held on November 15, 2018, with Administrator Wheeler kicking off the event by highlighting the actions EPA and the federal government are taking to address the challenges and opportunities facing our domestic materials management system and framing the issues and opportunities for action. The 2019 America Recycles Day is scheduled for November 15. Part two of the meeting will discuss the release of the Synthetic Turf Field Recycled Tire Crumb Rubber Characterization Research Final Report: Part 1: Tire Crumb Rubber Characterization. The Office of Research and Development will discuss the findings, timelines for next steps in the research protocol, and engage in dialogue on communities’ concerns. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

Thursday, September 26, 2019 - House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: On September 26th, the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology will hold a hearing on “Understanding, Forecasting, and Reporting Extreme Weather in a Changing Climate.” [More Information.](#)

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